



HERODIAS PANNOSUS.

Sombre Egret.

Herodias pannosus, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., November 1847.

THE only example of this species that has come under my observation is the fine adult specimen which graces my collection, and which I received from the neighbourhood of Port Stephens in 1843. Unfortunately I am not able to give any information respecting it, as no note of any kind accompanied the specimen. Its dark colouring and very slender and elegant form distinguish it from every other species of the group to which it belongs.

The entire plumage is bluish or slaty black with the exception of the chin, which is pure white.

The figure is rather less than the natural size.